line 20 after "metal" change the comma (,) to a semicolon (;).

Page 4, line 9 change "fiber" to ---fibers---.

Page 17, lines 2 and 23 delete "They should . . . respond to";

Page 18, line 1, delete "staff, but have minimum weight."; and line 18, correct "With" to ---with---.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1/16 and 19/without prejudice.

Please rewrite claims 2, 3, 10, 11, 17 and 20 as follows:

2. (amended) [The stringed musical instrument of claim 1 where] In a stringed musical instrument, the combination comprising:

A. a plurality of musical strings, each of which has a vibration section for defining a musical tone; and

B. a soundboard positioned to interact with the string vibration sections to enhance musical tones produced by vibration of said string sections, said soundboard being made of a plurality of composite material laminates comprised of one or more fibers and a polymeric resin with all fibers in said laminate being inorganic, at least one of said laminates [include] including particulate matter defining a filler to color the response of [the same] said soundboard to sound vibrations.

2 8. [The stringed musical instrument of claim 1 wherein] In a stringed musical instrument, the combination comprising:

A. a plurality of musical strings, each of which has a vibration section for defining a musical tone; and

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